

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) An undergarment, comprising:
a support layer;
a transparent layer that substantially overlies said support layer; and
an intermediate layer for adhering or fusing said transparent layer and said support layer,
wherein said support layer or said intermediate layer has a design or pattern thereon that is visible through said transparent layer.
2. (Original) The undergarment of claim 1, wherein the undergarment is a brassiere.
3. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 2, wherein said support layer is a transparent material.
4. (Original) The undergarment of claim 3, wherein said transparent material has sheer characteristics.
5. (Currently amended) The undergarment of claim 4, wherein said support

layer is a support material having ~~resilient~~elastic characteristics.

6. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 2, wherein said support layer is a support material.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) The undergarment of claim 1, wherein said support layer is shaped to essentially extend under a wearer's breasts and along a lower and side breast profile when the undergarment is worn, and wherein said support layer is open adjacent said lower and said side breast profile.

9. (Previously presented) An undergarment, comprising:

a seamless support layer;

a seamless transparent layer that substantially overlies said seamless support layer; and

an adhesive or fusing layer,

wherein said adhesive or fusing layer securely adheres or fuses said seamless transparent layer to said seamless support layer,

wherein said seamless support layer or said adhesive or fusing layer has a design or pattern thereon that is visible through said seamless transparent layer.

10. (Original) The undergarment of claim 9, wherein the undergarment is a brassiere.

11. (Original) The undergarment of claim 10, wherein said seamless transparent layer is made of a material having sheer characteristics.

12. (Currently amended) The undergarment of claim 10, wherein said seamless support layer is made of a material having ~~resilient~~elastic characteristics.

13. (Currently amended) The undergarment of claim 10, wherein said seamless support layer is shaped to extend under a wearer's breasts along the lower and side breast profile to substantially support said breasts when the undergarment is worn, and wherein said seamless support layer is open adjacent said lower and said side breast profile.

14. (Previously presented) A method for forming an undergarment, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a support layer;
- (b) applying an adhesive or fusing layer to said support layer;
- (c) cutting said support layer combined with said adhesive or fusing layer to a desired shape;
- (d) adhering or fusing said support layer with said adhesive or fusing layer to a transparent layer to provide seamless connection; and

(e) molding said support layer, said adhesive layer and said transparent layer to form a unitary molded breast cup, wherein said support layer provides reinforcing support along a lower profile portion of said cup.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the undergarment is a brassiere.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said transparent layer is a material having sheer characteristics.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said support layer is a material having ~~resilient~~elastic characteristics.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said support layer is shaped so that when the undergarment is worn, said support layer essentially extends under a wearer's breasts and along the lower and side breast profile, and wherein said support layer is open adjacent said lower and said side breast profile.

19. (Currently amended) A brassiere comprising:
a support layer, said support layer being shaped so that when the brassiere is worn, said support layer essentially extends under a wearer's breasts and along the lower and side breast profile, said support layer being open adjacent said lower and said side breast profile;

a transparent layer that substantially overlies said support layer; and

an intermediate layer for adhering or fusing an outer surface of said transparent layer and an inner surface of said support layer,

wherein said support layer or said intermediate layer is visible through said seamless transparent layer.

20. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 19, wherein said intermediate layer creates a design or pattern visible through said transparent layer.

21. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 19, wherein said intermediate layer is selectively applied to a portion of the brassiere.

22. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 21, wherein said portion comprises a lower portion that corresponds to a wearer's breasts.

23. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 19, wherein said intermediate layer is substantially transparent.

24. (Currently amended) The undergarment of claim 19, wherein said intermediate layer is ~~resilient~~elastic.